

Southwest Region/Cedar City (Iron County) Quality Improvement Committee			
Meeting Dates:	April 8, 2008 May 13, 2008 June 24, 2008	Review and Action Plan	Follow-up
Dash Board Items:	Membership	A: Mark and Doug will work on finding a former client to participate on our QIC. M: Doug has identified a former client but has not had a chance to talk to her yet. J: Debbie Davis has resigned as chair for our QIC as she has a job that will require that she be in Texas. We will need to work on finding a replacement.	A: Denise Rember of the FCCRB has agreed to be a member of our QIC but could not attend today. M: Denise Rember attended our meeting today and will continue to attend. John Shrum of DWS has replace Ann Barnson on our committee. J: Amber Perkins has agreed to participate on our QIC but was unable to attend today. She will serve as our parent/former client member.
	Action Plan Objective: Parental Drug Abuse		M: Mark gave an update on a question we had regarding Drug Court. Drug Court will share the results of a client's drug test with DCFS so long as it is a client we have in common and they have signed a release.
	Action Plan Objective: Workload Reduction / Worker Retention and Recognition	J: Destry shared a proposal he drafted for a FY10 building block for a supervised visitation program. This was stimulated by the news that we would no longer receive funding to support our existing supervised visitation program. J: Lori shared with the team how the DCFS Board awards have helped recognize workers in our region. Five workers were recognized in SW region on June 17 <sup>th</sup> and it was a great experience for them.	
	Action Plan Objective: Resource Family Support	A: Shandra will get the movie tickets from Mark and send them to foster parents accompanied by a letter she has written expressing our appreciation of the work they do. M: Discussion regarding having legislation passed proclaiming 2009 as the year of the foster parent. M: Additional movie tickets were donated by Advanced Dental to provide to foster parents for their families.	A: QIC members have obtained gift certificates and discounts from local businesses to present to local foster parents to show appreciation and to use on Date Night. J: Movie tickets and other gifts which were donated have been distributed to local foster parents in recognition of the service they provide to children.

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Public Relations:	Action Plan Objective: Public Perception	<p>A: Representative Bud Bowman from the State Legislature attended our meeting to support and learn more about our work. He will continue to attend if his health and schedule allows.</p> <p>A: Additional planning for the upcoming Immersion. Invitations were shared with team members to distribute to various entities in the community.</p> <p>M: Bernice recommended that we hold Immersions annually.</p> <p>J: Recent CJC Newsletter featured 4 of our DCFS workers who participated in the "Fun Run" as well as an article written by Mark Hollingshead regarding CPS.</p>	<p>M: Rep. Bowman was beat out at the caucus and most likely will discontinue his participation.</p> <p>M: We received a lot of positive feedback regarding the Immersion which was held on May 2, 2008. There were 50 people who attended this event.</p>
Studies:		A: Geneil and Karen from the Office of Services Review attended our meeting and shared the results of this year's Case Process Review. We did very well as a region. The Cedar office did well also. Areas for practice improvement were identified and discussed.	
CPS Issues:		<p>A: Reviewed CPR scores for Cedar CPS team. Mark believes that he has some of the missing information that will help the scores go up.</p> <p>M: There have been 24 new foster care cases opened up since the beginning of the year. It was asked why numbers continue to grow. It was felt that is was due to prevention services being cut a few years ago, growing population and increased drug abuse.</p> <p>There has been an excessive amount of overdue CPS cases. Mark believes that will decrease as he now has what he believes is a competent team and the numbers will reflect that.</p>	
QCR Participation:		<p>M: QIC members participating in our upcoming QCR are Debbie Davis, Joanna Batt, Duane Jarvis and Annie Vanyperen.</p> <p>J: Lori shared the results of our QCR this year</p>	J: QIC members who participated in this year's QCR were Joanna Batt, Duane Jarvis, and Annie VanYperen.

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		which was followed by a lengthy discussion regarding caregiver support and discrepancies between the data and what Amy heard in the focus group. Explanations were provided.	
<b>Other Business:</b>		<p>A: The committee would like to have our new RD Lori Orton attend to share her vision and expectations for our QIC.</p> <p>M: Our current schedule conflicts with Lori attending because of RD meetings. We discussed changing back to our old schedule which was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.</p> <p>J: The Regional Director, Lori Orton attended our meeting and shared her vision of the purpose of our QIC and how they are to help improve the system.</p> <p>J: We need to replace Debbie as the chair for our QIC.</p>	
<b>DATA Review</b>		J: Lori reviewed data regarding our last CPR and QCR's.	